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SUGAR CREEK WOMAN INDICTED FOR METH CONSPIRACY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Sugar Creek, Mo., woman was indicted by a federal grand jury today for participating in a conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine.

Susan Gardner, 24, of Sugar Creek, was charged in a four-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Gardner** participated in a conspiracy to distribute more than 50 grams of methamphetamine between Jan. 1 and Oct. 20, 2005.

Counts Two and Three of the federal indictment allege that **Gardner** distributed more than five grams of methamphetamine on Sept. 12 and 20, 2005, respectively.

Count Four of the federal indictment alleges that **Gardner** distributed more than 50 grams of methamphetamine on Oct. 14, 2005.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in the indictment are simply accusations, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorneys Kathleen D. Mahoney and Jane Pansing Brown. It was investigated by the Jackson County Drug Task Force.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at www.usdoj.gov/usao/mow/index.html